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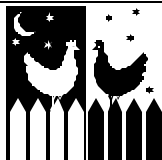
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, usually good for features. Food service was fair to fairly good, particularly into fast food for specials. Supplies were at least sufficient, but closer balanced for lighter weights. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, mostly at least adequate or available. Dark meat was in balance and moving partially due to export business, and wings were increasingly available with lighter interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cent to 63.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 57.75 cents last year on the 17th May, 2000. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE

(CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.00
BREASTS - B/S	148.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	82.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	98.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	102.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 05/12/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	186,783	185,949
CHICKS PLACED	149,359	150,139
*19 STATES		
EGGS SET	207,920	-
CHICKS PLACED	167,095	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2001. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through May 12, 2001 were 2.78 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

*FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19-States set a total of 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 12, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19-States placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 12, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.89 CENTS PERPOUND.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was mixed with best interest going into retail for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were in balance, closest for smaller product. In the parts structure, trading was light to fairly good. Availability of all parts was sufficient, more so for wings as interest subsides and supplies increases. Breast items were close balanced to well cleared and moving, and dark meat was usually adequate with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to slightly heavier, but mostly desirable.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady. Additional product offerings receiving little buyer interest with product availability mixed. Movement into all outlets reported as tapering from Mothers day, slow to fairly good, occasionally good into some fast food accounts and for retail features. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was seasonally slow with the exception of whole and split breasts were clearing well. Supplies of wings were building and all other items sufficient for trade needs. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings and mostly steady on the balance of items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady on regular commitments with new negotiations offered at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings fully adequate with light weights confidently held. Current needs selective and buyers watched further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate, best to cover features. Floor stocks adequate.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were in the best balanced position, and the heavier birds were about adequate to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts structure, breast items remained at least adequate to available. Drums and leg quarters continued to clear due to export interest, however, thighs were increasingly available at some locations. Wings were readily available with discounting noted.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best, typical of normal mid-week activity. Offerings were adequate to closely cleared on the 3.0 pound and smaller sizes; fully adequate on the larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 54 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were fully adequate for the cautious buying interest. Thighs and wings were slow to clear. Other leg items were in generally good balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.32
NO. OF BOXES	13,216
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

MAY 15, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 16, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	689	125.00-220.00	145-150	148.52
TENDERLOINS	167	145.00-235.00	150	158.56
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	74.00-81.00	75-77	79.75
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	40.50-48.00	41-43	41.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	437	25.00-28.00	27	26.99
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,398	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	90.00-102.00	-	97.53
WINGS (CUT)	645	105.00-121.00	108-115	114.02
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	37	93.00-97.00	-	96.89

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	729	125.00-220.00	145-150	147.34
TENDERLOINS	168	145.00-235.00	150	158.36
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	74.00-81.00	75-77	79.79
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	40.00-48.00	40-43	41.37
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	472	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,398	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.94
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	90.00-102.00	-	97.51
WINGS (CUT)	580	104.00-121.00	108-110	113.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.50 - 55.00	52.16	49.00 - 55.50	52.13	51.98

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest continued light to fair and was generally noted as typical of midweek trading activity. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to available at times. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to well cleared, however, thighs were noted as slightly more available at some locations. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady on drums and leg quarters, about steady on breast items, no better than steady to barely steady on wings and thighs.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

MAY 15, 2001

MAY 16, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	148.47	600,880
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.81	172,010
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.03	372,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	78.33	189,000
LEGS	40-41	44.51	318,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	31.82	830,631
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	42.63	187,640
THIGHS	37-38	38.84	254,550
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.66	71,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.98	428,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	88,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.43	82,015
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.14	147,080

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.36	555,800
TENDERLOINS	135-140	143.04	97,360
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	83.21	341,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	79.10	180,000
LEGS	40-41	45.90	237,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.93	518,506
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	44.32	158,790
THIGHS	37-38	44.37	441,560
B/S THIGHS	88-89	92.74	74,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.94	394,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.95	96,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.74	79,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.89	116,760

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	05/16	05/15	05/14	05/11	05/14	05/11	05/09	05/07
ALA	3,675	3,944	3,860	3,853	5.11	4.89	3,784	5.10
ARK	5,055	5,288	5,126	5,421	5.01	4.80	4,904	4.99
DELMARVA	2,364	2,336	2,362	2,396	5.13	5.03	2,319	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,739	2,002	2,011	2,122	4.55	4.52	2,006	4.60
MISS	2,794	2,866	2,799	3,562	5.17	4.88	2,751	5.27
NC	2,657	2,679	2,587	2,858	6.11	5.97	2,638	6.05
TEXAS	2,347	2,226	2,328	2,311	4.94	4.80	2,360	4.96
TOTAL	20,631	21,341	21,073	22,523	5.15	4.97	20,762	5.15
MON-WED 63,293 (A)	62,618 (A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-May 01 and is estimated to be 30,866,000 down 0.98 percent from a week ago and down 1.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 31,362,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-96
	DRY PACK 102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-121
	DRY PACK 123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 96
	DRY PACK 123
DUCKS	152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 19-01

	CURRENT WEEK 05/19/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/12/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	157,484 (2)	162,346
LT HENS	1,655	1,630
HVY HENS	1,471	1,499
CHECK TOTAL	160,610	165,475

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-May-01 is 157.9 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.8 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 26-May-01 the estimated available is 157.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 14-May-01	148,985		63,735	
AM 1-May-01	143,310		63,064	
CHG	5,675		671	
PCT CHG	4		1	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/14/01	05/07/01	05/15/00	05/14/01	05/07/01	05/15/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	22,173	20,454	18,017	6,472	5,073	14,587
LOS ANGELES	1,208	982	264	2,627	2,693	5,304

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/15/01

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.15	1.00	.76	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	4.00	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	3.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	1.10	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.45	.60	.52	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.30	.90	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.75	8.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.75	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.85	1.45	1.29	ROOSTERS ea.	3.50	5.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	4.50	-
DUCKS lb.	-	1.15	-	DUCKS ea.	-	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	1.85	1.62	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	4.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	8.00	12.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.75	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	3.50	4.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	3.75	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 143

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 14, 2001

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-59
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 11, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	77.76	157.49	93.51	29.53	3.94	51.68
High	79.73	162.42	98.43	34.45	4.43	51.68
Mostly	77.76	157.49	98.43	34.45	3.94	51.68
SAN JUAN						
Low	78.75	157.49	157.49	34.45	4.92	53.65
High	81.21	177.18	177.18	44.30	7.38	53.65
Mostly	79.73	167.34	167.34	39.37	5.91	53.65
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	76.78	157.49	93.51	29.53	3.94	49.22
High	79.73	167.34	98.43	34.45	4.43	49.22
Mostly	77.76	162.42	98.43	34.45	3.94	49.22
BECERRA						
Low	78.75	167.34	132.89	39.37	5.91	54.14
High	81.21	187.02	142.73	49.22	8.86	54.14
Mostly	79.73	167.34	137.81	44.30	7.38	54.14

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